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Operational
KINITE Progress Report

1. Progress on this case, already slow, is undergoing a further hiatus in May due to []'s absence from Stuttgart for the entire month, but progress will be resumed in June.

2. [] has, after contacting some 40-50 candidates in the Stuttgart area has come up with two disabled individuals who look fairly promising, on whom we have requested name checks (MKA-5189, 6200) before recruiting. It is now planned to conduct a neighborhood check by sending a Kinetic agent to Stuttgart. We are taking steps to drastically reduce the time spent by [] on his other activities to allow him to concentrate on this project.

3. In view of COS instructions to KOB to assume responsibility for an entire Auson stay behind program we have expanded the scope of this operation and are processing headquarters files for leads in other areas. We are at the same time slowly surveying the old GIS files in an attempt to find procedures, recruits and/or trained Vulture types. While we realize GIS personnel are not the best solution to this problem we wish to explore the possibilities of this "easy" approach, due to the scope of the program and our case officer shortage. We have also reexamined some old Holiday lists and shall proceed to run down all leads contained therein.

4. In view of the importance attached to this program we are making KINITE the primary mission of [] and a secondary mission of every KOB case officer. The following four cases are quoted here merely as illustrations of approach to this problem:

a. On []'s return he and [] contacted []'s ex-source [] of [], Bamberg who is an ex-non com in the 506th Nachrichtenregiment whom it was not deemed advisable to recruit since he is an amateur radio fiend with his own station and does not possess any qualifications.

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which would make for stayability.

b. [] when asked to locate a likely candidate in the Karlsruhe area, suggested a one-armed individual in Durlach, Franz Steinle, but quickly withdrew the suggestion when a Kinetic neighborhood check showed the man as a Communist sympathizer.

c. We are currently checking on a British Zone lawyer who offered a grandiose information net to GIC Frankfurt in April 1948 and was interviewed by [] at that time. At present he appears an unlikely candidate due to past Abwehr connections and a strong possibility that he is working for the French.

d. The proprietor of a Karlsruhe photo firm has offered his services to GIC Karlsruhe in the establishment of a vast stay behind network in the Rheinland. GIC claimed that Subject is acceptable politically but a dishonest business man and a terrific drinker. A Kinetic neighborhood check, however, shows him in a slightly more favorable light.

e. KGB is handicapped by an extreme dearth of German speaking personnel as well as hindered by the manifold other tasks we are currently carrying out. We are positive, however, that with devotion of further effort to this program and with increased staff work in KGB headquarters we can uncover suitable candidates for Vulture training as well as establish information nets.

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